

**Amendments to the claims:**

1. (currently amended) A hand-held power tool, ~~in particular a power drill or screwdriver,~~ having a chuck (14) for a tool, having a drive spindle (13) which drives the chuck (14) and protrudes with a spindle head (131) into a recess (15) embodied in the chuck (14), and having connecting means, operative between the spindle head (131) and the recess (15), for connecting the drive spindle (13) and the chuck (14) in a manner fixed against relative rotation, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the connecting means have axially extending cutting edges (16), embodied on the spindle head (131) on a circumference of a portion of the spindle head that is set back from a free end of the spindle head (131) and surrounding said portion of the spindle head, wherein the recess (15) in the chuck (14) is embodied with a stepped diameter and has an inner portion (151) and an adjacent outer portion (152) with an inside diameter that is greater than that of the inner portion (151), wherein the cutting edges (16) that cut into the surrounding wall of the outer portion (152) recess (15) when the chuck (14) is being slipped onto the spindle head (131).

2. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein the recess (15) in the chuck (14) is embodied with a stepped diameter and has an inner portion (151) with an inside diameter that is smaller than that of the adjacent outer portion (152); and that the cutting edges (16) are located on a portion of the spindle head that is set back from the free end of the spindle head (131), and on the free end of the spindle head (131), a guide portion (131a) preceding~~

said portion of the spindle head is embodied, whose outside diameter, for guiding the chuck (14), is adapted to the inside diameter of the inner portion (151) of the recess (15).

3. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inside diameter of the outer portion (152) 462 of the recess (15) in the chuck (1415), so that the cutting edges (16) on the spindle head (131) can cut into the chuck (14), is smaller than the outside diameter of the cutting edges (16).

4. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spindle head (131) with the cutting edges (16) is hardened, or is of harder material than the chuck (14).

5. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the recess (15) and spindle head (131) are embodied cylindrically, and the cutting edges (16) are formed by a notched toothing (17) encircling the spindle head (131).

6. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the recess (15) is embodied cylindrically and the spindle head (131), at least in the region of the portion of the spindle head that has the cutting

edges (16), is embodied as a polygonal prism; and that the cutting edges (16) are formed by the corner edges (181) of the polygonal prism.

7. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the polygonal prism is a regular hexagonal prism ( ~~1846~~), whose diagonal corner measurement (e) is greater than the inside diameter of the outer portion (152) of the recess (15).

8. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the spindle head (131), there is a coaxial threaded bore (19), terminating in a ~~the~~ free face end of the spindle head, into which bore an assembly and securing screw (20) axially braced in the chuck (14) can be screwed.

9. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the assembly and securing screw (20) has a screw head (21) and a screw shank (22) that has a male thread (23); and wherein that a female-threaded portion (25) is located in the chuck (14), in the region where the assembly and securing screw (20) is introduced, and its inside diameter is greater than an ~~the~~ outside diameter of the screw shank (22) of the assembly and securing screw (20).

10. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the chuck (14), a stepped bore (24), has having one smaller-diameter bore portion (242), terminating coaxially in the recess (15), whose

bore diameter is greater than the outside diameter of the screw shank (22), and one larger-diameter bore portion (241), whose bore diameter is greater than the outside diameter of the screw head (21) of the assembly and securing screw (20).

11. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the female-threaded portion (25) is located in the smaller-diameter bore portion (242) of the stepped bore (24).

12. (currently amended) The hand-held power tool as defined by claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a disassembly screw (30) is provided, which has a dd with a male thread (31) that can be screwed into the female-threaded portion (25) and which is capable of being braced on the spindle head (131), for instance on the face end (27) of the spindle head (131) facing toward the stepped bore (24), or on the bottom (191) of the threaded bore (19), embodied as a blind bore, in the spindle head (131), or on a chamfer (191) surrounding the bore opening of the threaded bore (19).